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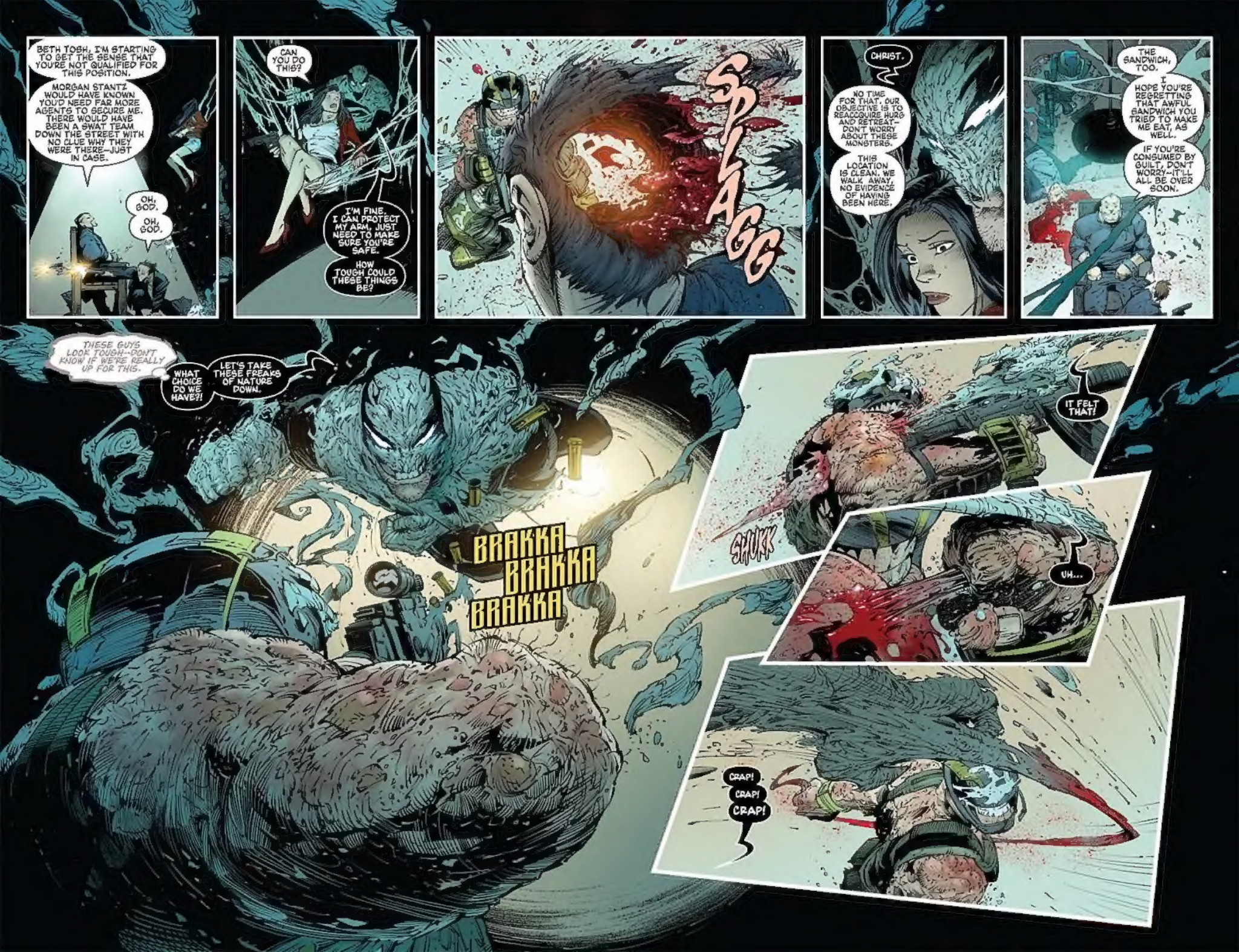
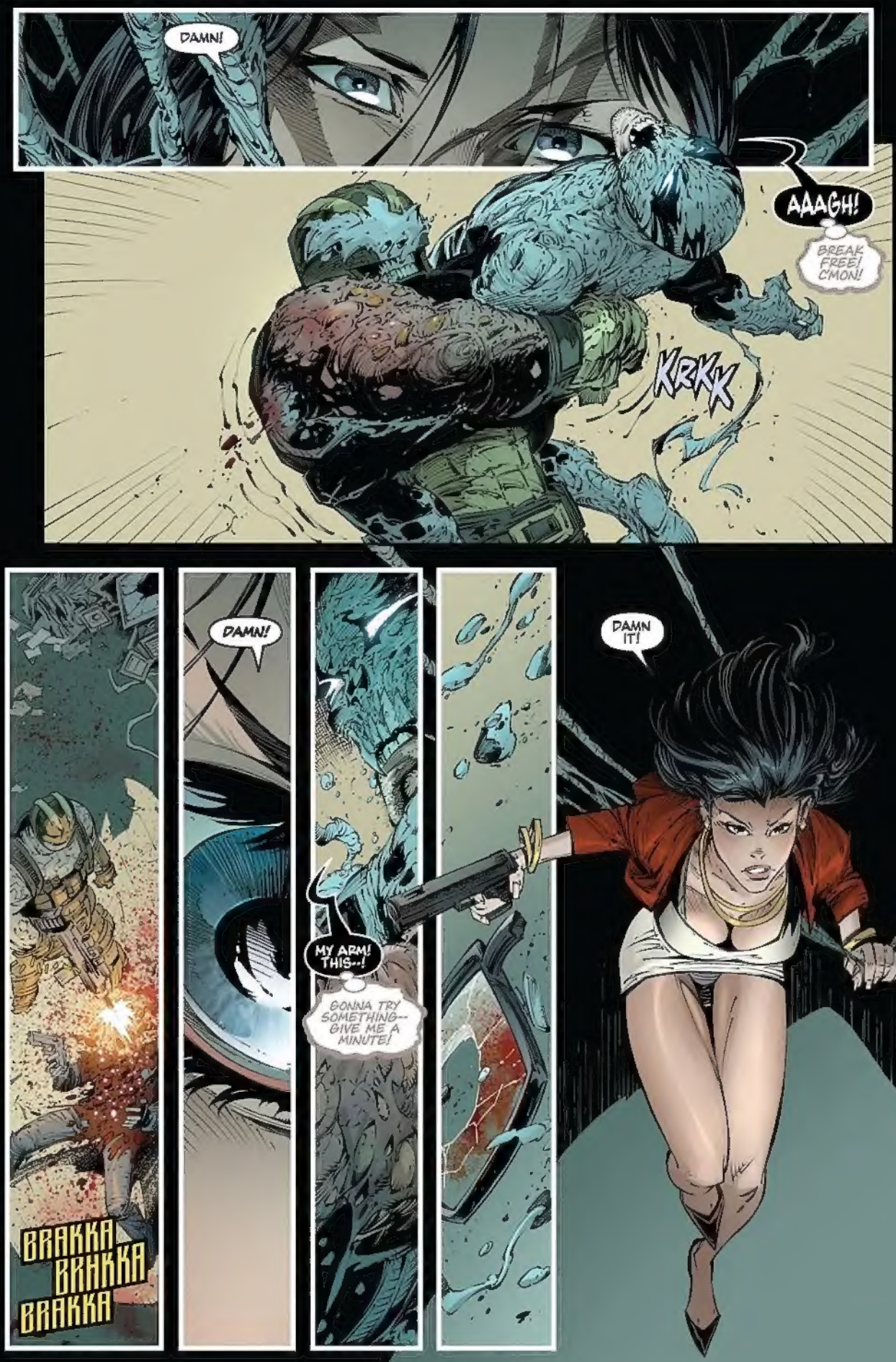
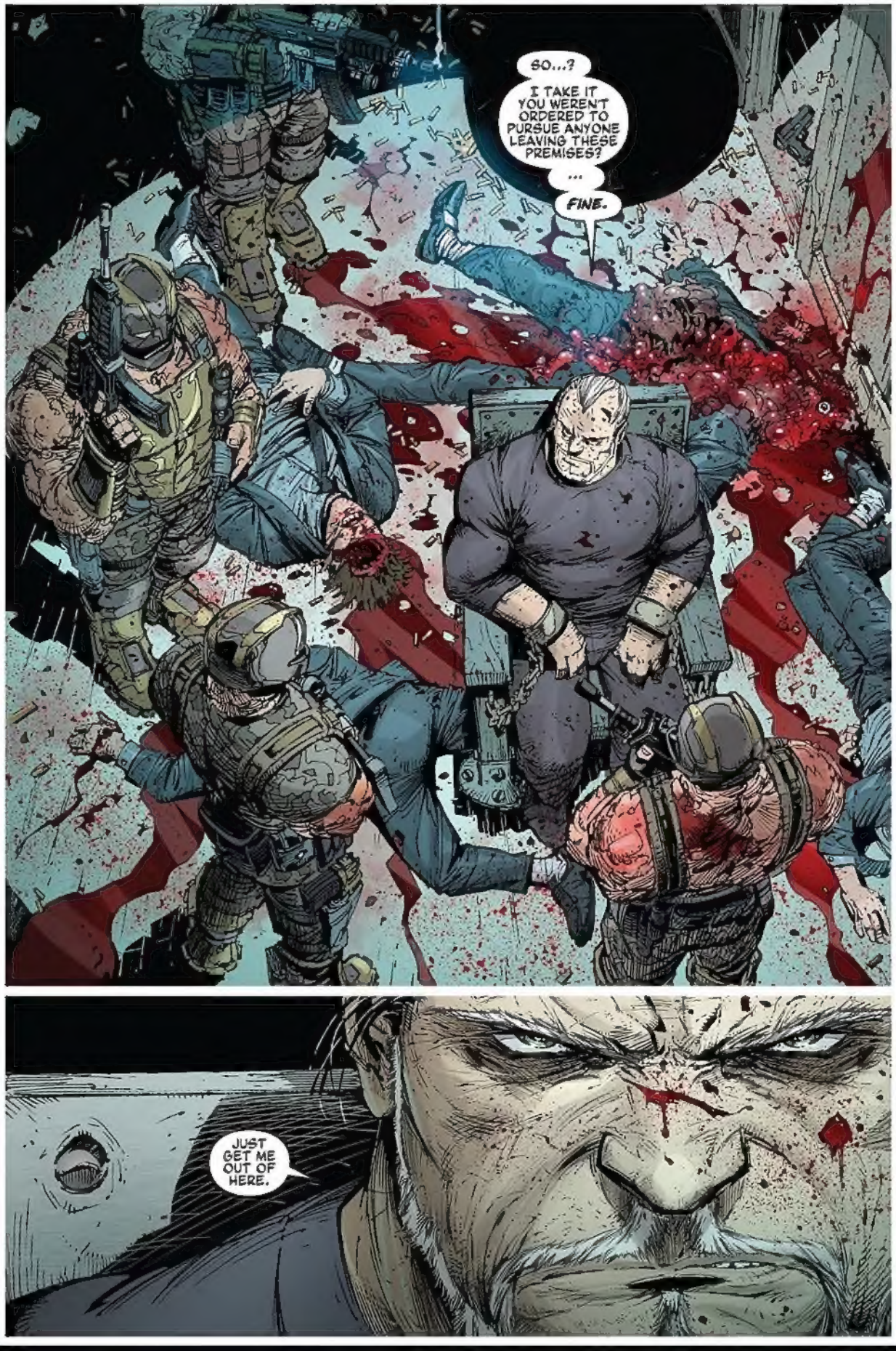
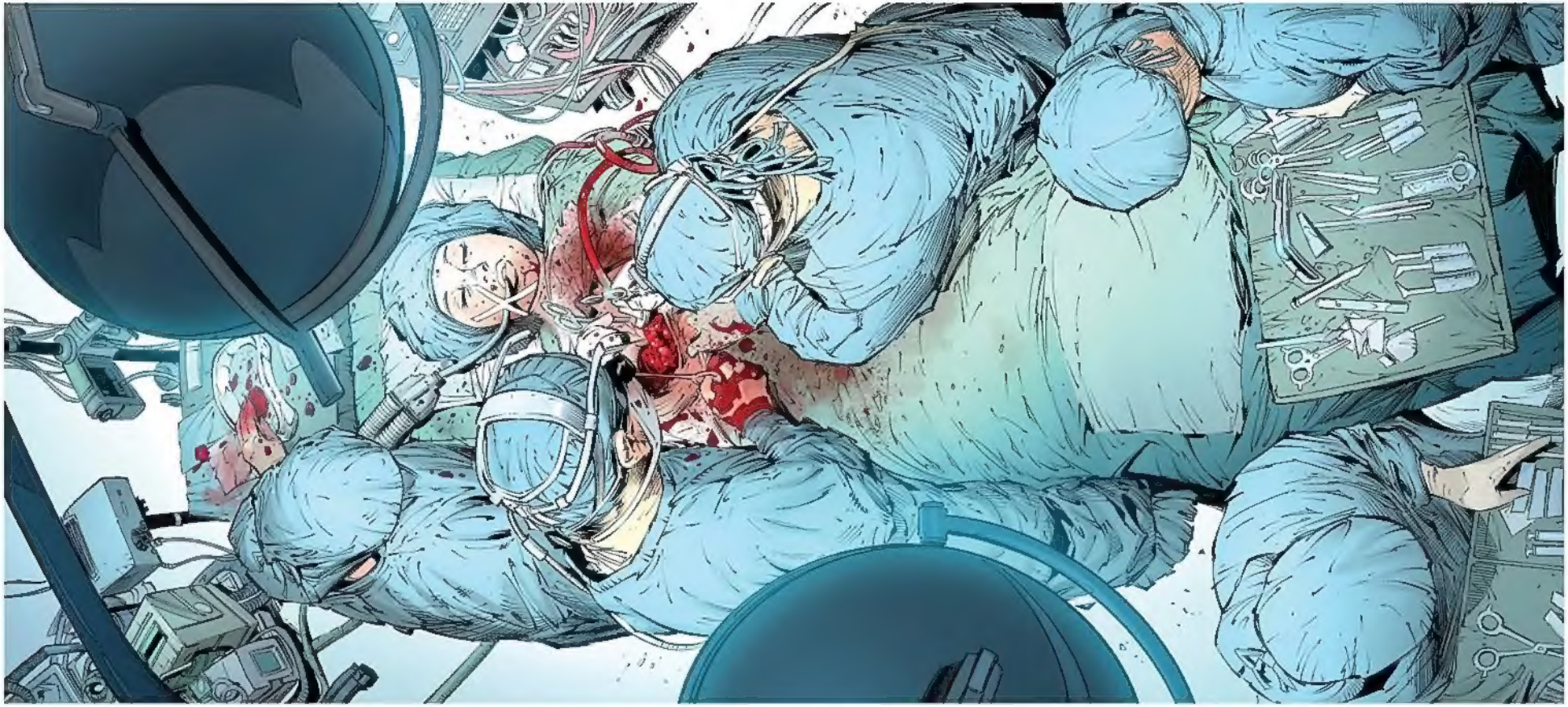

BETH TOSH, I'M STARTING TO GET THE SENSE THAT YOU'RE NOT QUALIFIED FOR THIS POSITION.
MORGAN STANTZ WOULD HAVE KNOWN YOU'D NEED FAR MORE AGENTS TO SECURE ME. THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN A SWAT TEAM DOWN THE STREET WITH NO CLUE WHY THEY WERE THERE--JUST IN CASE.
OH, GOD. OH, GOD.
CAN YOU DO THIS?
I'M FINE. I CAN PROTECT MY ARM. JUST NEED TO MAKE SURE YOU'RE SAFE.
HOW TOUGH COULD THESE THINGS BE?
SPLAGG
CHRIST.
NO TIME FOR THAT. OUR OBJECTIVE IS TO REACCQUIRE HURG AND RETREAT--DON'T WORRY ABOUT THESE MONSTERS.
THIS LOCATION IS CLEAN. WE WALK AWAY, NO EVIDENCE OF HAVING BEEN HERE.
THE SANDWICH, TOO.
I HOPE YOU'RE REGRETTING THAT AWFUL SANDWICH YOU TRIED TO MAKE ME EAT, AS WELL.
IF YOU'RE CONSUMED BY GUILT, DON'T WORRY--IT'LL ALL BE OVER SOON.
THESE GUYS LOOK TOUGH--DON'T KNOW IF WE'RE REALLY UP FOR THIS.
WHAT CHOICE DO WE HAVE?!
LET'S TAKE THESE FREAKS OF NATURE DOWN.
BRAKKA BRAKKA BRAKKA
IT FELT THAT!
SHUKK
UH...
CRAP! CRAP! CRAP!


DAMN!
AAAGH!
BREAK FREE! C'MON!
KRKK
DAMN!
BRAKKA BRAKKA BRAKKA
MY ARM! THIS..!
GONNA TRY SOMETHING-- GIVE ME A MINUTE!
DAMN IT!

DON'T-- HAVE A MINUTE, KURT--
I'M TRYING, MAN. THIS THING'S GRIP IS INSANE!
BUT IT'S GOTTA HAVE A WEAK SPOT!
THUKK
THAT GOT HIS ATTENTION! I CAN BREATHE AGAIN--BUT HE'S STILL NOT LETTING GO!
LET'S TRY THIS--
SHRAKK
HUFF!
HUFF!
HUFF!
WHAT ARE THEY-- OH, NO--
GUNS DOWN OR I'M BLOWING HIS BRAINS OUT.
I'M AFRAID IT DOESN'T WORK THAT WAY, DEAR. THEY FOLLOW SIMPLE ORDERS.
THEY'RE NOT REALLY ABLE TO THINK ON THEIR FEET, AS IT WERE.
BUT I PROMISE, YOU WON'T HAVE TIME TO PULL THAT TRIGGER.

BLAM
SEE?
UH.
UH.
SPLK
SPLUK
BETH!
BRAKKA
BRAKKA
BRAKKA
BRAKKA
GOD DAMN IT.
JUST GET BETH OUT OF HERE--FORGET HURG!
WAY AHEAD OF YOU!
WE'RE OUT OF HERE!
SPUT
SPUT
SPUT


SO...?
I TAKE IT YOU WEREN'T ORDERED TO PURSUE ANYONE LEAVING THESE PREMISES?
...
FINE.
JUST GET ME OUT OF HERE.



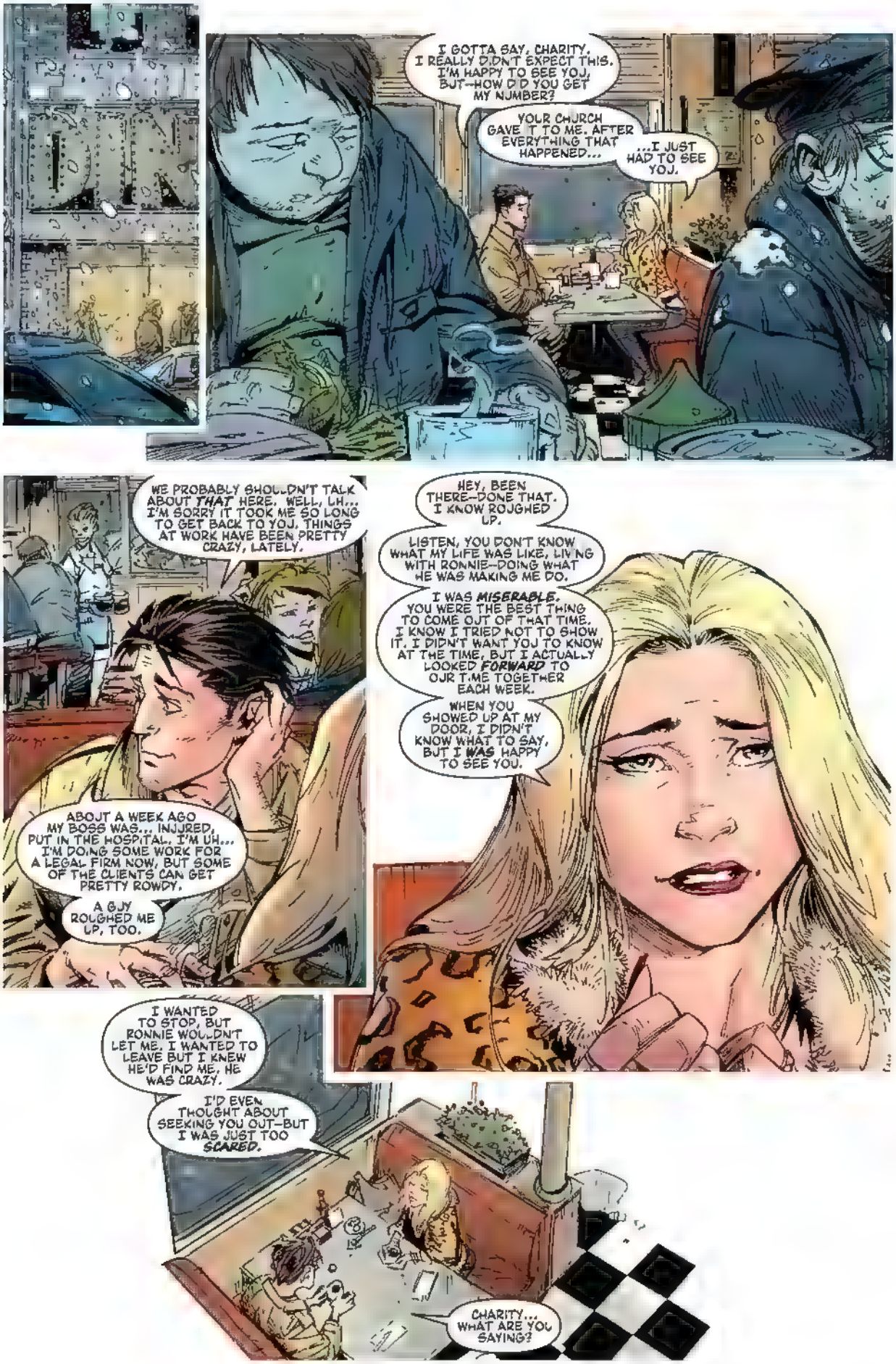
WILL SHE MAKE IT?
TOO EARLY TO TELL...WE JUST DON'T KNOW.

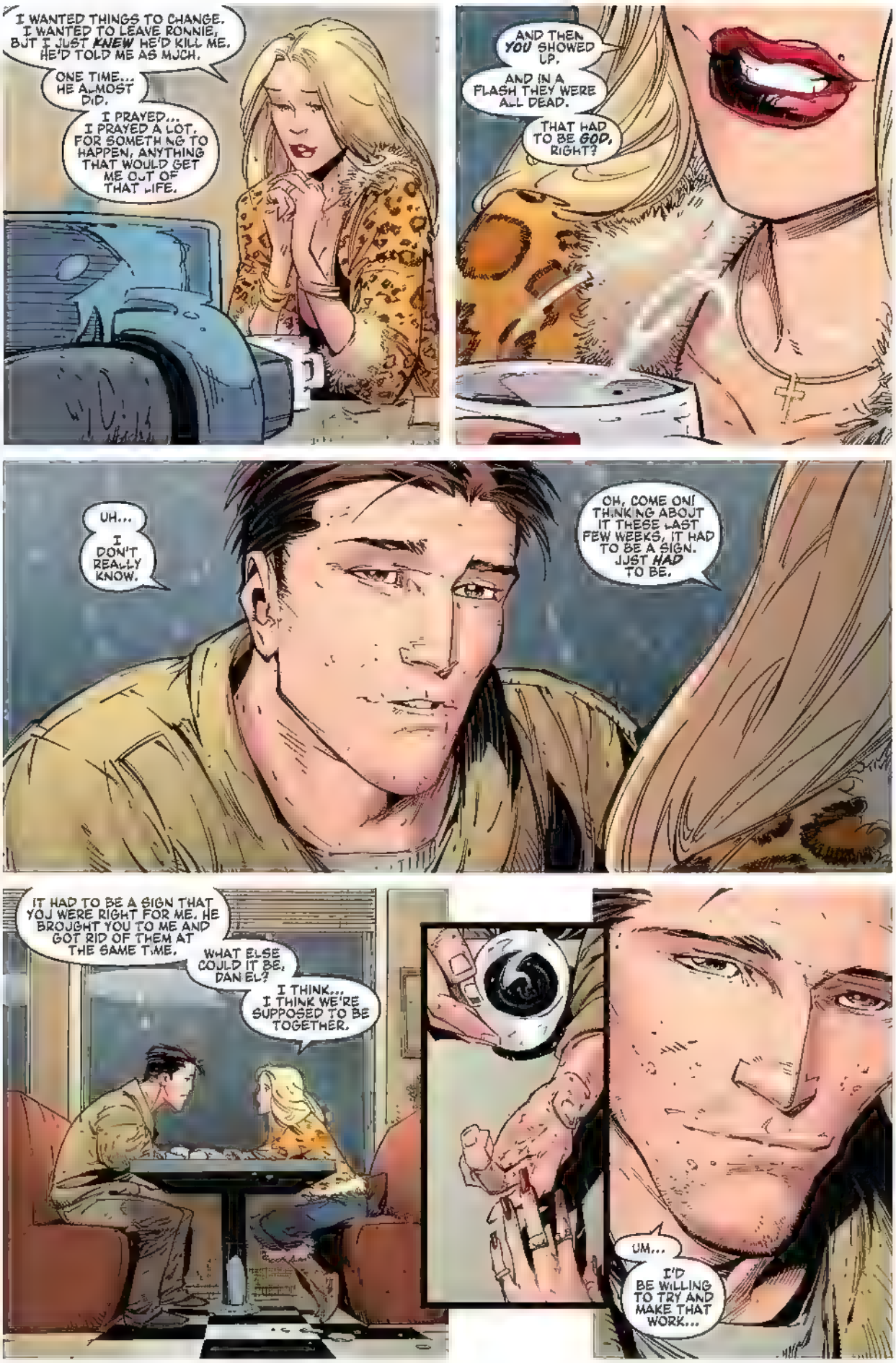
WE'RE DOING EVERYTHING WE CAN. WE WILL... LET YOU KNOW AS SOON AS WE KNOW SOMETHING.
THANKS.

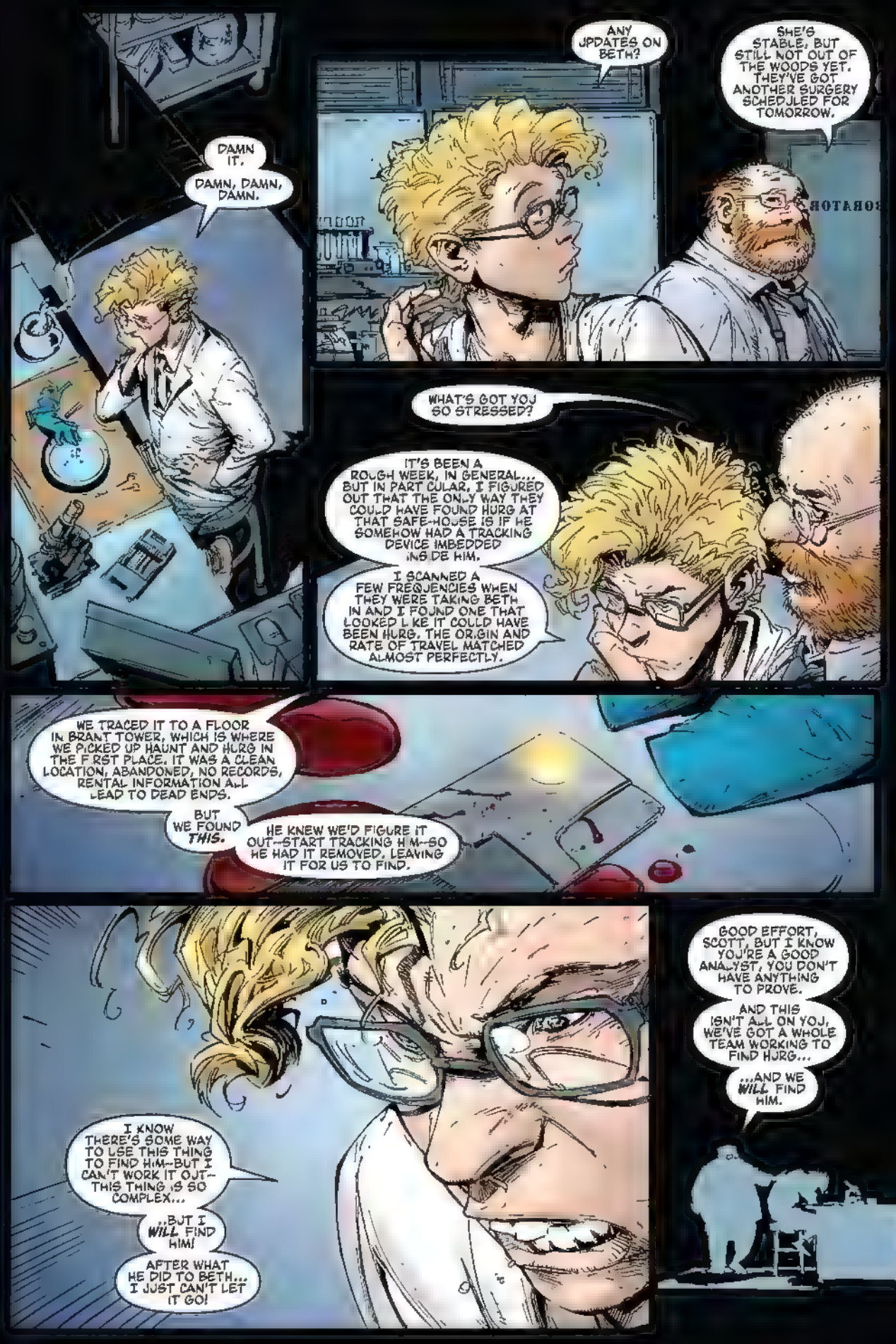
WHAT ABOUT YOU? YOU SEE ANYTHING? HER SPIRIT LEAVING HER BODY? HOW DOES IT WORK? IS SHE *DYING?*
CAN YOU TELL ME ANYTHING?
NO, I-- WHAT I SEE IS NO DIFFERENT THAN WHAT YOU SEE. I'VE NEVER SEEN OTHER... GHOSTS. I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO TELL YOU.
I DIDN'T SEE THE GHOSTS OF THOSE SOLDIERS AS THEY WERE DYING... I DON'T THINK IT WORKS THAT WAY.

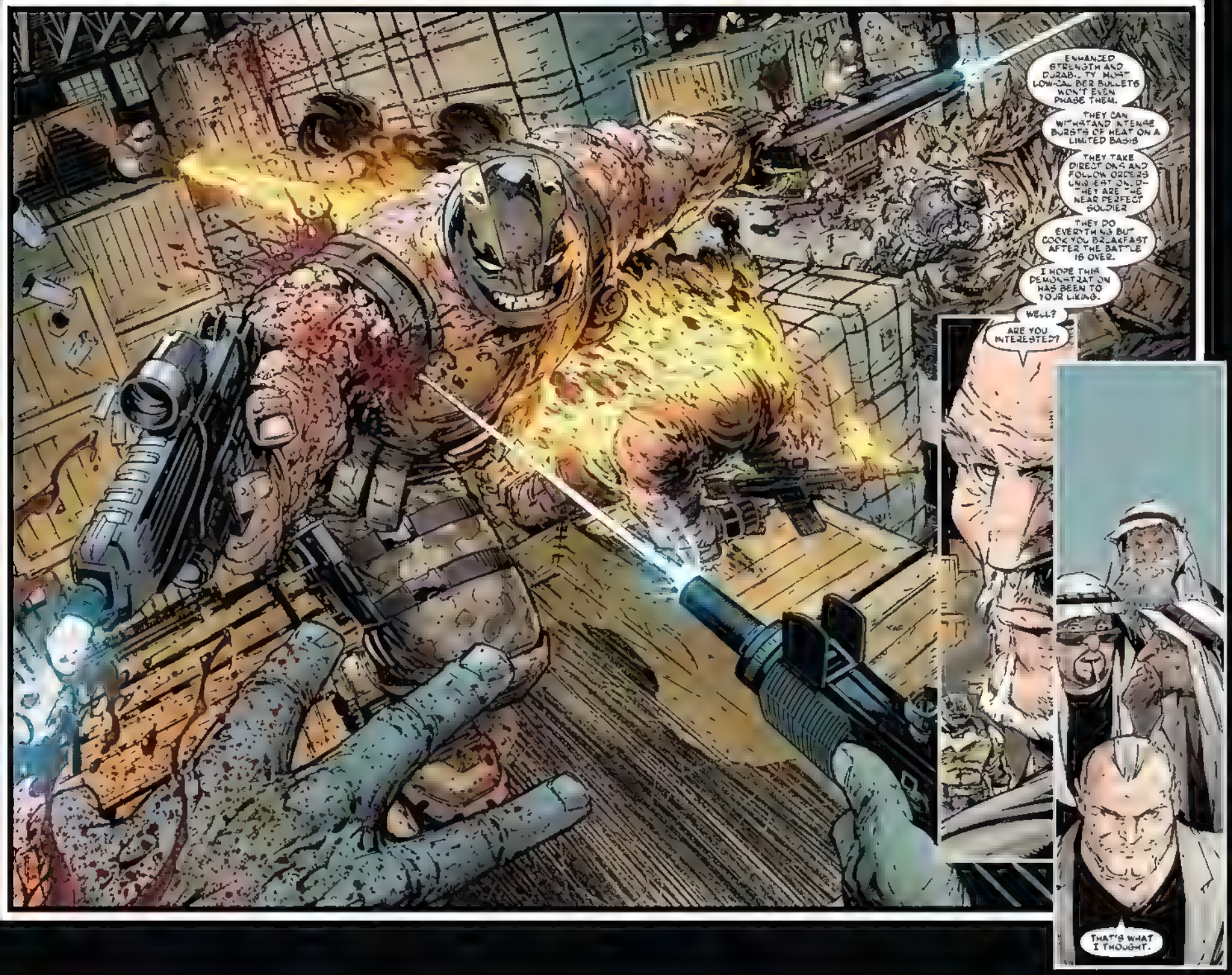
DAMN IT, KURT--CAN'T YOU TRY SOMETHING?
OOH...

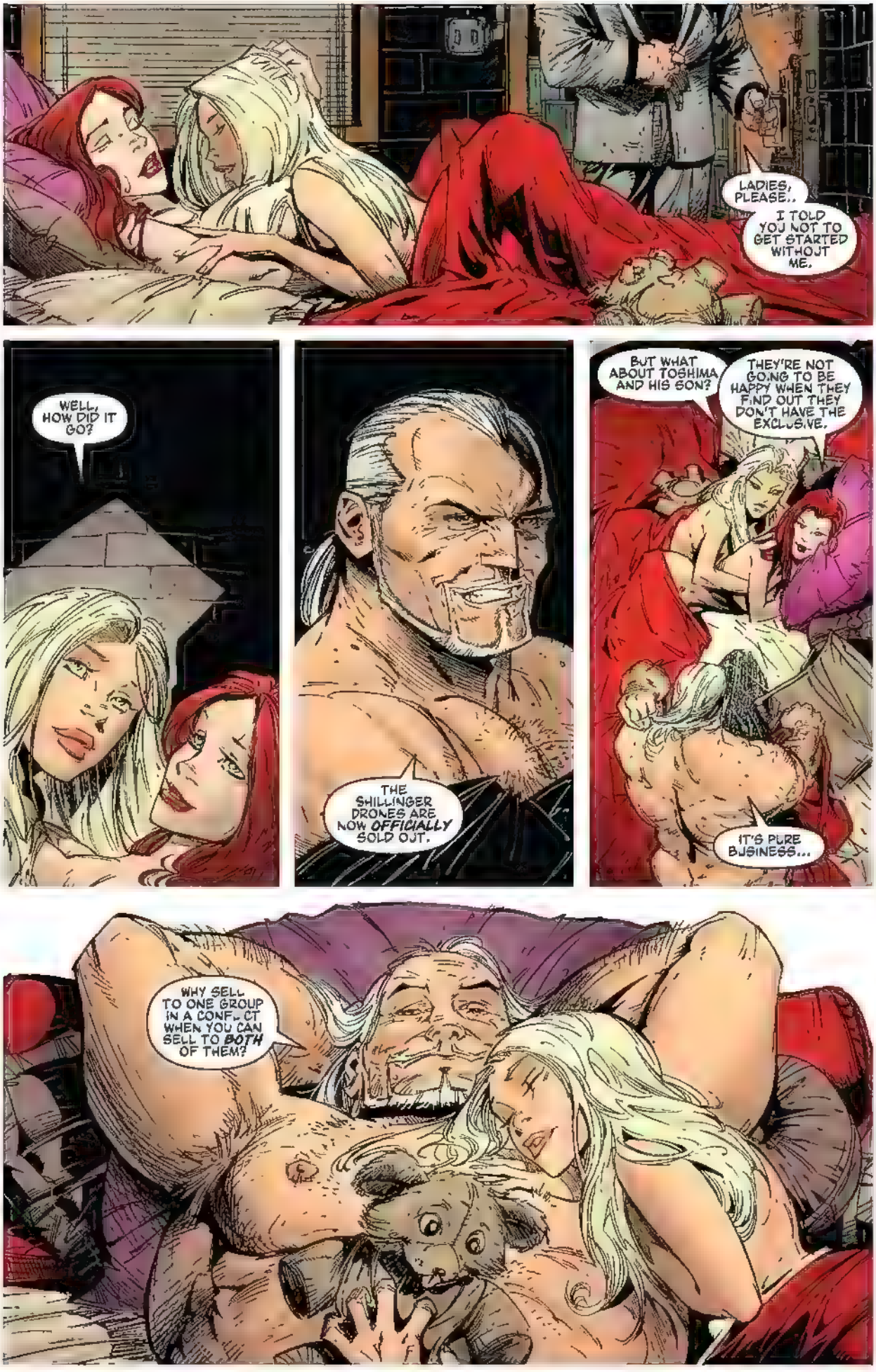
DID I EVER REALLY KNOW YOU?

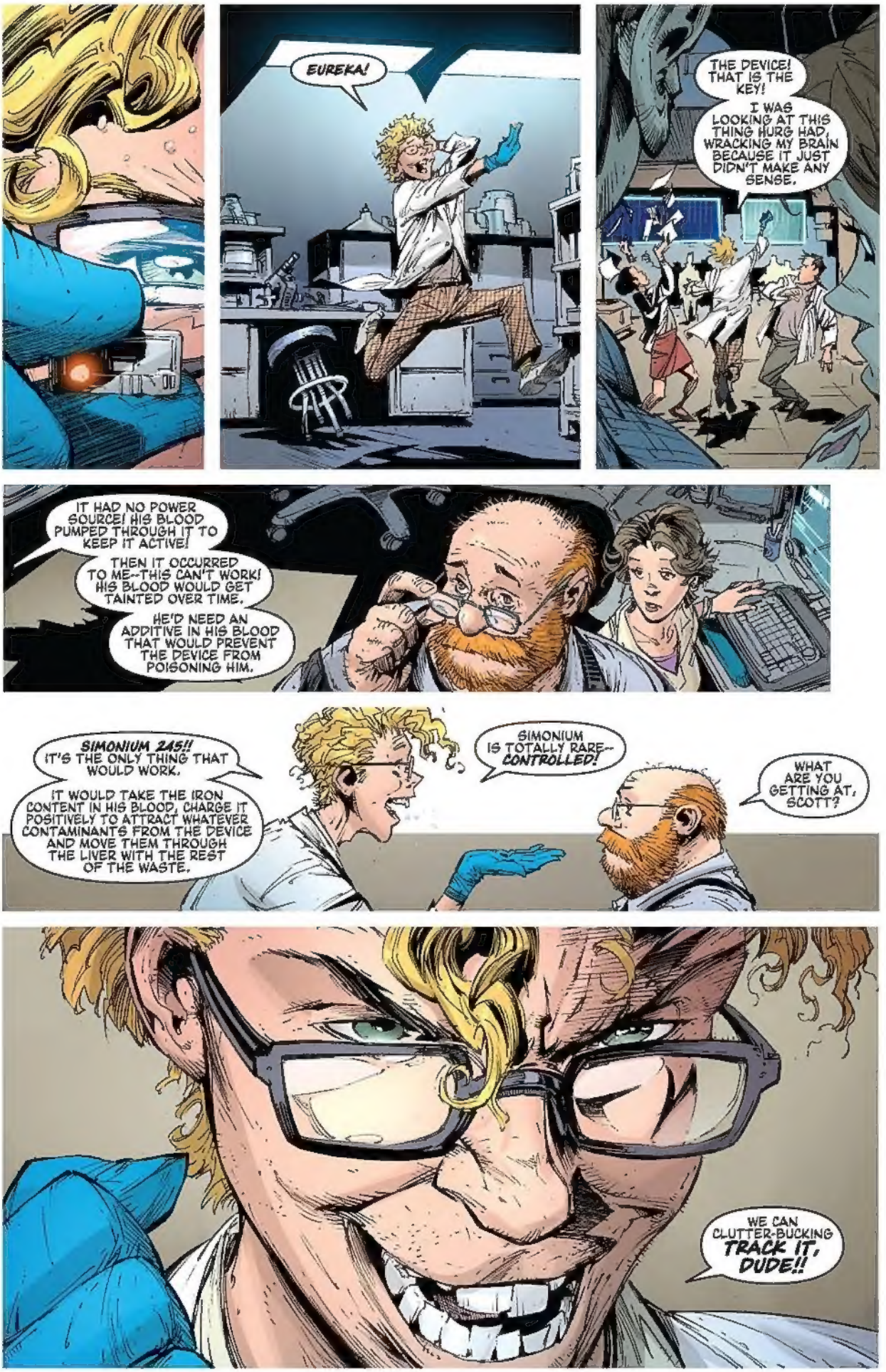

I GOTTA SAY, CHARITY, I REALLY DIDN'T EXPECT THIS. I'M HAPPY TO SEE YOU, BUT--HOW DID YOU GET MY NUMBER?
YOUR CHURCH GAVE IT TO ME. AFTER EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENED...
...I JUST HAD TO SEE YOU.
WE PROBABLY SHOULDN'T TALK ABOUT THAT HERE. WELL, UH... I'M SORRY IT TOOK ME SO LONG TO GET BACK TO YOU. THINGS AT WORK HAVE BEEN PRETTY CRAZY, LATELY.
ABOUT A WEEK AGO MY BOSS WAS... INJURED, PUT IN THE HOSPITAL. I'M UH... I'M DOING SOME WORK FOR A LEGAL FIRM NOW, BUT SOME OF THE CLIENTS CAN GET PRETTY ROWDY.
A GUY ROUGHED ME UP, TOO.
HEY, BEEN THERE--DONE THAT. I KNOW ROUGHED UP.
LISTEN, YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT MY LIFE WAS LIKE, LIVING WITH RONNIE--DOING WHAT HE WAS MAKING ME DO.
I WAS MISERABLE. YOU WERE THE BEST THING TO COME OUT OF THAT TIME. I KNOW I TRIED NOT TO SHOW IT. I DIDN'T WANT YOU TO KNOW AT THE TIME, BUT I ACTUALLY LOOKED FORWARD TO OUR TIME TOGETHER EACH WEEK.
WHEN YOU SHOWED UP AT MY DOOR, I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY, BUT I WAS HAPPY TO SEE YOU.
I WANTED TO STOP, BUT RONNIE WOULDN'T LET ME. I WANTED TO LEAVE BUT I KNEW HE'D FIND ME. HE WAS CRAZY.
I'D EVEN THOUGHT ABOUT SEEKING YOU OUT--BUT I WAS JUST TOO SCARED.
CHARITY... WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?


I WANTED THINGS TO CHANGE. I WANTED TO LEAVE RONNIE, BUT I JUST KNEW HE'D KILL ME. HE'D TOLD ME AS MUCH.
ONE TIME... HE ALMOST DID.
I PRAYED... I PRAYED A LOT. FOR SOMETHING TO HAPPEN, ANYTHING THAT WOULD GET ME OUT OF THAT LIFE.
AND THEN YOU SHOWED UP.
AND IN A FLASH THEY WERE ALL DEAD.
THAT HAD TO BE GOD, RIGHT?
UH... I DON'T REALLY KNOW.
OH, COME ON! THINKING ABOUT IT THESE LAST FEW WEEKS, IT HAD TO BE A SIGN. JUST HAD TO BE.
IT HAD TO BE A SIGN THAT YOU WERE RIGHT FOR ME. HE BROUGHT YOU TO ME AND GOT RID OF THEM AT THE SAME TIME.
WHAT ELSE COULD IT BE, DANIEL?
I THINK... I THINK WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE TOGETHER.
UM... I'D BE WILLING TO TRY AND MAKE THAT WORK...


DAMN IT.
DAMN, DAMN, DAMN.
ANY UPDATES ON BETH?
SHE'S STABLE, BUT STILL NOT OUT OF THE WOODS YET. THEY'VE GOT ANOTHER SURGERY SCHEDULED FOR TOMORROW.
WHAT'S GOT YOU SO STRESSED?
IT'S BEEN A ROUGH WEEK, IN GENERAL... BUT IN PARTICULAR, I FIGURED OUT THAT THE ONLY WAY THEY COULD HAVE FOUND HURG AT THAT SAFE-HOUSE IS IF HE SOMEHOW HAD A TRACKING DEVICE IMBEDDED INSIDE HIM.
I SCANNED A FEW FREQUENCIES WHEN THEY WERE TAKING BETH IN AND I FOUND ONE THAT LOOKED LIKE IT COULD HAVE BEEN HURG. THE ORIGIN AND RATE OF TRAVEL MATCHED ALMOST PERFECTLY.
WE TRACED IT TO A FLOOR IN BRANT TOWER, WHICH IS WHERE WE PICKED UP HAUNT AND HURG IN THE FIRST PLACE. IT WAS A CLEAN LOCATION, ABANDONED, NO RECORDS, RENTAL INFORMATION ALL LEAD TO DEAD ENDS.
BUT WE FOUND *THIS.*
HE KNEW WE'D FIGURE IT OUT--START TRACKING HIM--SO HE HAD IT REMOVED, LEAVING IT FOR US TO FIND.
I KNOW THERE'S SOME WAY TO USE THIS THING TO FIND HIM--BUT I CAN'T WORK IT OUT--THIS THING IS SO COMPLEX...
...BUT I ***WILL*** FIND HIM!
AFTER WHAT HE DID TO BETH... I JUST CAN'T LET IT GO!
GOOD EFFORT, SCOTT, BUT I KNOW YOU'RE A GOOD ANALYST, YOU DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO PROVE.
AND THIS ISN'T ALL ON YOU, WE'VE GOT A WHOLE TEAM WORKING TO FIND HURG...
...AND WE ***WILL*** FIND HIM.


ENHANCED STRENGTH AND DURAB.. TY MOST LOW-CAL BER BULLETS WON'T EVEN PHASE THEM.
THEY CAN WITHSTAND INTENSE BURSTS OF HEAT ON A LIMITED BASIS
THEY TAKE DIRECT ORDERS AND FOLLOW ORDERS UNQUEST ON..D- THEY ARE THE NEAR PERFECT SOLDIER
THEY DO EVERYTH NG BUT COOK YOU BR_AKFAST AFTER THE BATTLE IS OVER.
I HOPE THIS DEMONSTRAT ON HAS BEEN TO YOUR LIKING.
WELL? ARE YOU INTERESTED?
THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT.


LADIES, PLEASE..
I TOLD YOU NOT TO GET STARTED WITHOUT ME.
WELL, HOW DID IT GO?
THE SHILLINGER DRONES ARE NOW *OFFICIALLY* SOLD OUT.
BUT WHAT ABOUT TOSHIMA AND HIS SON?
THEY'RE NOT GOING TO BE HAPPY WHEN THEY FIND OUT THEY DON'T HAVE THE EXCLUSIVE.
IT'S PURE BUSINESS...
WHY SELL TO ONE GROUP IN A CONFLICT WHEN YOU CAN SELL TO *BOTH* OF THEM?


EUREKA!
THE DEVICE! THAT IS THE KEY!
I WAS LOOKING AT THIS THING HURG HAD, WRACKING MY BRAIN BECAUSE IT JUST DIDN'T MAKE ANY SENSE.
IT HAD NO POWER SOURCE! HIS BLOOD PUMPED THROUGH IT TO KEEP IT ACTIVE!
THEN IT OCCURRED TO ME--THIS CAN'T WORK! HIS BLOOD WOULD GET TAINTED OVER TIME.
HE'D NEED AN ADDITIVE IN HIS BLOOD THAT WOULD PREVENT THE DEVICE FROM POISONING HIM.
SIMONIUM 245!! IT'S THE ONLY THING THAT WOULD WORK.
IT WOULD TAKE THE IRON CONTENT IN HIS BLOOD, CHARGE IT POSITIVELY TO ATTRACT WHATEVER CONTAMINANTS FROM THE DEVICE AND MOVE THEM THROUGH THE LIVER WITH THE REST OF THE WASTE.
SIMONIUM IS TOTALLY RARE-- CONTROLLED!
WHAT ARE YOU GETTING AT, SCOTT?
WE CAN CLUTTER-BUCKING TRACK IT, DUDE!!

I KNOW YOU DON'T KNOW WHO I AM...BUT I KNEW YOUR HUSBAND...
...AND I'D REALLY LIKE TO TALK TO YOU.
WE'VE DONE ALL WE CAN. ALL WE CAN DO NOW IS WAIT.
I STILL LOVE YOU, YOU GOD DAMN MONSTER.

DANIEL, HEY-- IT'S STEPH. I CAN'T REMEMBER IF YOU'RE WORKING TONIGHT OR NOT.
I'VE GOT MY STUFF ALL MOVED IN ALREADY. I'M ACTUALLY GOING TO BE SLEEPING IN THE APARTMENT FOR THE FIRST TIME TONIGHT.
JUST WANTING TO SEE WHEN YOU'LL BE MOVING IN. CALL ME WHEN YOU GET THIS.
WE'RE CLOSING IN ON THE LOCATION. THE TEAM HAS IT IN SIGHT.
ABSOLUTELY, GENTLEMEN.
YOU GET EXCLUSIVE RIGHTS TO THE TECHNOLOGY. YOU'LL BE THE ONLY ONE OUT THERE WITH THIS KIND OF MUSCLE.
NOW, IF WE COULD PLEASE WRAP THIS UP. I HAVE ANOTHER APPOINTMENT TO GET TO.
WHAT WAS THAT? YOU HEAR THAT?

OKAY, BOYS.
LOCK AND LOAD!